



# Get the **Lead** Out of Bridgeton! Steps to Protect Your Family

Lead can damage the body and brain of a child, and can create behavior and learning problems. There is no safe amount of lead in a child's body.



**Check your child's lead levels, annually, until the age of six**

**Do you have a pediatrician?** Ask them to test your child's lead levels.

**No pediatrician?** Contact:

- CompleteCare Pediatric & Family Medical
  - 256 Irving Ave, 856-451-4700
- Cumberland County Department of Health
  - 856-327-7602



The Health Department will contact you with support if levels come back high.

**Check for lead paint inside your home built before 1978**

**Get FREE lead paint testing and support from:**

- **PRAC of Southern NJ:** 856-299-5900
- **Gateway Community Action:** 856-451-6330
- **Apply online:** [www.leadabatement.nj.gov](http://www.leadabatement.nj.gov)



**Stay away from chipping/peeling paint** until fixed. Mop & wet wipe the area.

**Drink lead-free water**



**Do you have a lead service line?** Ask Bridgeton Water and Sewer Department at 856-455-7257

**Filter:** Make sure water filters are certified to remove lead (NSF 53 or 42), follow instructions to replace the filter cartridge when required.

**Flush:** Run your water for one minute before drinking or cooking if any plumbing contains lead.

**Use cold water** with baby formula. Clean faucet screens (aerators).

**Replace the plumbing inside your home:** Ask your landlord to call a plumber who can check your lead plumbing and replace it if necessary.

# Know Your Rights! The Lead Laws that Matter for You and Your Family!

## Know Your Child's Blood Lead Level!

The law requires that all children between 9–18 months and again between 18 and 22 months be tested for lead levels. Children three years of age or older must be tested at least once before their sixth birthday, if they had not already been tested at one and two years old.



*See the front of this card with information on ways to get your child tested.*

## Keep your drinking water safe from lead!



The law requires that all lead service lines in New Jersey municipalities be replaced with safer lines within 10 years or by 2031. By September 2022, water systems should have provided notice to customers with lead and/or galvanized drinking water service lines.

*See the front of this card with information on ways to test your water and learn about line replacement.*

## Keep your home safe from lead paint!

A 2022 law requires that **all rental properties** be inspected for lead no later than July 22, 2024; then inspected again three years after a lead-safe certificate was issued. During inspection, if no lead-based paint hazards are identified, then the owner of the home receives a lead-safe certification. If hazards are found, then the landlord is required to fix those hazards.

**Ask your landlord if they have a lead safe certificate. If not, reach out to your local Health Department to determine the next steps to protect your home from lead.**

